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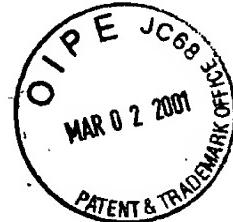
In re application of : Attn BOX ISSUE BRANCH

Shoji YUYAMA et al. : Docket No. 2000_1479A

Serial No. 09/699,507 :

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MEDICATION PACKING APPARATUS



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 4 and 7 as follows.

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4. (Amended) The medicine packing apparatus as in Claim 1, wherein when a blank package belt is discriminated by the discriminating means, the distributing means distribute the blank package belt toward a discharge position

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7. (Amended) The medicine packing apparatus as in Claim 5, wherein one of the arms of the gripping means has a press surface and wherein the moving means turns the gripping means so that the press portion presses the medicine package belt bound in the binding position to discharge it.